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**AMENDMENT** 







1. (amended) A method for inducing an immune response against transformed, infected or diseased tissue comprising

removing only components present in the blood having a molecular weight of 120,000 daltons or less, until the transformed, infected, or diseased tissue is reduced in amount.

- The method of claim 1 wherein the tissue is a solid tumor. 2.
- 3. The method of claim 1 wherein the components are removed from one blood volume.
- 4. The method of claim 1 wherein the components are removed in multiple treatments.
- The method of claim 1 further comprising treating the tissue with an agent selected from 5. the group consisting of anti-angiogenic compounds, procoagulant compounds, cytokines, chemotherapeutic agents, and radiation.
- The method of claim 5 wherein the agent is a cytokine and the cytokine is selected from the group consisting of GM-CSF, erythropoietin, thrombopoetin, G-CSF, M-CSF and SCF.
- 7. The method of claim 1 further comprising selectively removing soluble TNF receptor 1 and receptor 2 molecules.
- (amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising vaccinating the patient with a vaccine against the transformed, infected or diseased tissue, wherein the vaccine is produced by immunization with antigens unique to the transformed, infected or diseased tissue.
- (amended) A system for inducing an immune response against transformed, infected or diseased tissue comprising
- a device for removing only components present in the blood having a molecular weight of 120,000 daltons or less, having inlet and outlet means for connection to a pump and tubing to recirculate the blood of a patient through the device.
- 10. (amended) The kit of claim 17 wherein the agent is an anti-angiogenic compound.
- 11. (amended) The kit of claim 17 wherein the agent is a procoagulant compound.
- 12. (amended) The kit of claim 17 wherein the agent is a cytokine.
- (amended) The kit of claim 12 wherein the agent is a cytokine and the cytokine is 13. selected from the group consisting of GM-CSF, erythropoietin, thrombopoetin, G-CSF, M-CSF and SCF.
- 14. (amended) The kit of claim 17 wherein the agent is a chemotherapeutic agent.
- 15. (amended) The kit of claim 14 wherein the agent is selected from the group consisting of alkylating agents, doxyrubicin, carboplatinum, cisplatinum, and taxol.
- (amended) The system of claim 9 wherein the system includes means for administering 16. radiation to the tissue.
- (amended) A kit for treatment of a patient to induce an immune response against transformed, infected or diseased tissue comprising:
- a device for removing only components present in the blood having a molecular (a) weight of 120,000 daltons or less, and
- an agent selected from the group consisting of anti-angiogenic compounds, procoagulant compounds, cytokines, chemotherapeutic agents, and radiation, in a dosage formulation for treatment of the patient in combination with treatment of the patient with the device to remove blood components having a molecular weight of 120,000 daltons or less.
- The system of claim 9 wherein the device is a capillary membrane filter with a pore size 18. of between about 0.02 and 0.05 microns.



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- 19. The system of claim 9 wherein the device is a parallel plate filter with a pore size of between about 0.04 and 0.08 microns.
- 20. The system of claim 9 wherein the device comprises filters with different pore sizes or geometries to provide for staggered removal of materials from the blood.
- 21. The system of claim 9 wherein the device is an absorbant column selectively removing specific cytokine or cellular inhibitors from the blood.
- 22. The system of claim 9 wherein the blood is plasma.
- 23. The kit of claim 17 further comprising anticoagulant to treat the device for removal of components from the blood prior to use.